

MAKING SENSE of the TREATY of VERSAILLES and **THE LEAGUE of NATIONS**

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ENTERING the WAR
-ends NOVEMBER 1918

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6) THE LEAGUE FAILED BECAUSE:

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- **THE LEAGUE DID NOT HAVE A MILITARY TO ENFORCE DECISIONS**
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